

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am retired and on a fixed income and this is the only method I have for communication.

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I use less than 500 minutes a year!!! I do not have a regular phone line because I can't afford one with the taxes and constant rate increases. My wireless prepaid phone is my lifeline.

I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

I understand that under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, people like me and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

Please defeat this proposal!

Sincerely,

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